

TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 5, 2012

Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012 with Jennifer Scuteri, Marc Johnson, Jeff Stinson and Jeff Hubbard present. Town Manager Michael Lombardo and Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena also present.

Call to order

Chair Jennifer Scuteri called the meeting to order.

Accept minutes (February 6th, February 13th, February 27th Regular and Executive Session, 2012)

Jeff Hubbard entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to accept the February 6, 2012 regular session minutes. Jennifer Scuteri so moved. Jeff Stinson seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Jeff Hubbard entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to accept the February 13, 2012 regular session minutes. Marc Johnson so moved. Jeff Stinson seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Jeff Hubbard entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to accept the February 27, 2012 regular session minutes. Marc Johnson so moved. Jeff Stinson seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Jeff Hubbard entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to accept the February 27, 2012 executive session minutes. Marc Johnson so moved. Jeff Stinson seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Public Comment

Ed Howard relayed a message that the Town of Essex wishes to express interest in sharing a Planner position. Lombardo stated that he is still exploring organizational structure of all departments in Town Hall.

Rep. Brad Hill discussed the Home Rule Petition for the creation of a Hamilton Development Corp. which is before the State Legislature. He received a letter from the House Clerk's Office stating that, before legislation can move forward, notice of the

petition has to be published in Hamilton Wenham Chronicle and a copy of such publication returned to Brad Hill's office.

Town Manager's Report

Lombardo discussed the delivery dates to residents of containers for the new trash and organics program. He also notified the Board that single stream recycling is now started.

Chairman / Selectmen reports

Scuteri stated that the Capital Improvement Plan meeting on Saturday morning was very productive.

Jeff Hubbard participated in Read Across America at Winthrop School and read to third graders.

CPC / Downtown Presentation

Jeff Hubbard gave a presentation on four proposals for CPC funds for historic preservation of the Downtown.

Conservation Commission

Jim Hankin, Coordinator for the Conservation Commission, updated the Selectmen on the status of the Con Com.

Gift Acceptance Agreements for donation to Patton Park Playground

Scuteri entertained a motion to sign the Gift Acceptance Agreement from Lynnette Fallon for a donation to Patton Park Playground in the amount of \$50.00. Hubbard so moved. Stinson seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Scuteri entertained a motion to sign the Gift Acceptance Agreement from William Boardman for a donation to Patton Park Playground in the amount of \$1,580.00. Hubbard so moved. Stinson seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Appointment to Hamilton Foundation board

Scuteri entertained a motion to appoint Dr. Robert Spingler to the Hamilton Foundation board for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Stinson so moved. Hubbard seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting

Finance and Advisory Committee Chair John McWane joined Lombardo and Nippes-Mena in outlining financial warrant articles for Town Meeting in May.

Discuss HWRSD budget

John McWane updated the Board on the most recent numbers from HWRSD. FY12 is expected to be under-spent. Spending over actuals is \$1.3 million. Reduce SPED by \$400,000.00. Current budget is not something FinCom can support as there are errors in the report and \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00 can be cut.

Free cash Excess and Deficiency account was \$2.3 mill at end of FY 11 and - \$3 million at end of FY12. \$4 million in Capital Improvements that have been identified

Patton Family Gift Advisory Committee

The Board will take this matter up at the next meeting.

Other business

Next BOS meeting will be March 12, 2012.

Scuteri entertained a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.39, Section 23B(3) for the purpose of Litigation Strategy, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigation position, not to return to regular session at 9:57 p.m. Hubbard so moved. Stinson seconded motion. Roll call vote: Hubbard, yea, Stinson, yea, Scuteri, yea, Johnson, yea.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Lindberg, Assistant to the Town Manager.

ATTEST: _____

Clerk